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Wayne lawsuit against ex-councilman continues

> *There is no way to restrain my client from releasing material that was already in the public domain.*

Preliminary legal skirmishes in the lawsuit filed against former councilman Anthony Miller by the City of Wayne continued last week before Michigan Circuit Court Judge Sheila Ann Gibson.

The city is suing Miller, charging him with violations of his fiduciary responsibility during his term as a council member. The city claims Miller provided confidential information to Michigan State Police during an investigation which caused financial damage to the municipality. The documents Miller provided to state investigators include both a 105-page and a supplemental 33-page report regarding employee claims of a hostile working environment in Wayne City Hall. Those documents subsequently became evidence in at least two other ongoing lawsuits seeking monetary damages from the city. The investigative reports, completed by an outside legal firm, were critical of City Manager Lisa Nocerini and recommended her dismissal or discipline by members of the city council.

During the hearing last week, attorney Jim Rasor, who represents Miller, asked the judge to revoke the temporary restraining order against Miller which prevented him from releasing confidential documents concerning the city, including the investigative reports. Rasor argued that both reports had already been released and were in the public domain before Miller provided the information to the

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K-9 cutie

New police pup helps officers relieve stress

A new recruit has officially joined the City of Northville Police Department.

The new officer will not wear a uniform and is still "in training" according to Police Chief Al Maciag, and is not yet on active duty.

Sulley, an English White Golden Retriever, will have a special job to do in the police department when his probationary training is complete. Right now, while only five months old, he is already in training to become a certified therapy dog.

Maciag, who owns Sulley, said he places a high value on the impact a dog can bring to the officers and the public in times of stress.

"Several years ago, I began bringing my black Labrador, Oliver, to work with me when I was the chief of police in Wayne. He was never formally trained as a therapy dog, yet he brought such joy and happiness to the people that had contact with him. I was able to also bring him to Northville several times before he passed away," Maciag said.

Maciag and his team discussed the benefits of having a department therapy dog, in part to ease the demands of the job. Several area police departments, including Livonia, Northville Township and Wayne, have therapy dog programs.

"Officers experience some of the most stressful and traumatic events over the course of their career. They then must be able turn off their emotions so they can go home and be an effective parent, spouse, sibling or friend," Maciag said.

City of Northville Police Chief AL Maciag holds new recruit Sulley in his office. Photo by Liz Cezat

"Law enforcement has come a long way over the past 30 years in how we take care of our officers' mental and physical well-being. Research has shown that the presence of a therapy dog can help a person control anxiety, regulate emotional arousals and improve mood. What better way to help our officers than to have a dog available to be attentive to their needs and offer unconditional love when needed," Maciag said.

Sulley gets comfortable in the City of Northville Police Department. Photos courtesy of the Northville Police Department.

Maciag and his wife, June, picked Sulley up on Dec. 23 - just before Christmas. They named him after the affable Monster, Inc. character. Golden Retrievers are known to have great temperaments, Maciag explained, which makes them a popular choice for therapy dogs. The Maciags have had three Labrador Retrievers during the past 20 years.

Sulley has been at work with Maciag several times during the past few weeks to acclimate him to the environment. The Therapy Dog Program at Passion Fur Paws in Michigan Center is currently providing Sulley's training. Dogs cannot be certified as therapy dogs until they reach at least one year of age, Maciag explained. Once his training is complete, Sulley will come to work with Maciag daily. He will be available for the officers and police department employees.

"I am hoping in the future that he will be able to come to special events and be out in the community for people to meet. He can also be available to help students or others who are experiencing hardships to help brighten their day and lend emotional support," Maciag said.

Romulus business renovation results in felony charges

> *Prosecutors allege the men also used county materials and county equipment during the renovation.*

Renovations at a Romulus business have resulted in felony charges against three Wayne County employees.

Romulus Nutrition on Ecorse Road was the site of the renovations during which, according to Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy's office, the three men used Wayne County equipment and materials. Prosecutors allege the three men also falsified time sheets and were paid by the county for time spent working on the private business.

An investigation into the three county workers was prompted by an anonymous letter alleging illegal activities involving three employees of the Wayne County Bridge Department. When the letter was received in her office in April 2022, Worthy requested an investigation. Chief Brian White and Lt. Donald Farris of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office Criminal Investigation Division, with assistance from the FBI-Detroit Public Corruption Task Force conducted the investigation, according to a statement from Worthy's office.

The investigators concluded that on Dec. 5, 2021, Scott VanPeeren, 54 of Wyandotte, John Everhart, 50, of Farmington Hills and Justin Whorton, 40, of Detroit did work on the private business located on the 31250 block of Ecorse Road and falsified their respective time cards. Prosecutors allege the men also used county materials and county equipment during the renovation. Officials said the investigation into the matter is ongoing.

The three, VanPeeren, Everhart and Whorton were charged with criminal offenses by prosecutors on March 28. Each faces one count of larceny - $1,000 or more but less than $20,000, and one count of conspiracy to commit larceny - $1,000 or more but less than $20,000. Both counts are

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Romulus - Sumpter

Attorney clarifies new privacy policy

In response to a question during the public comment portion of the March 28 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, township attorney Rob Young clarified the specifics of the confidentiality agreement recently approved by the board members.

The questioner expressed concern that the new policy could conflict with the current federal Open Meetings Act. Young explained that there apparently was misinformation being circulated about the new policy and that it in no way conflicted with current law or changed any information available to the public.

"We are subject to the disclosure of documents that we call FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests. This doesn't change that. Things that the public are not entitled to under FOIA for whatever reason, those are our concern," he explained.

"This is a backstop to employees who have access to confidential information such as Social Security numbers, banking information, those sorts of things. It doesn't deal with policies or actions of the township board, it just deals with sensitive information," he said. "It relates to medical reasons an employee might be off work for a period of time. We as a township have to be given this information. You just don't want that information shared," Young explained.

He said this was an effort to protect the privacy of residents who utilize township services for licenses, permits and other applications on which sensitive material might be required for identification. He compared the policy to the current medical HIPPA laws which protect the privacy of medical information.

Young added that the scope of confidential information should have been defined a "little better."

"We're going through that," he said. "This policy doesn't create any further layer of protection and it doesn't pertain to every employee. It just pertains to employees that are dealing that kind of sensitive information."

Budget includes raises for elected officials

Members of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees approved the 2023-2024 budget at the March 28 meeting with dissenting votes from Trustee Peggy Morgan and Trustee Don LaPorte.

While final budget numbers were not available at press time, the new financial plan was praised by Township Manager Anthony Burdick. Burdick told the board members that the budget this year "protects and maintains the integrity of the general fund and allows for strategic initiatives and planning for the first time as well as setting up a capital project fund."

He added that the budget will allow the township officials to respond to inevitable situations such as the recent repairs at township hall.

While specifics of the budget were not publicly discussed at the meeting, an agenda item included approval of 5 percent raises for officials. During the public comment section of the agenda, a resident inquired as to the exact amount of the proposed new salaries for elected officials.

"What is the compensation going to be after this? Maybe some of us are interested in running for office and we would like to know what the salary is," she said.

In response, officials explained that trustees are currently paid $22,000 a year and the 5-percent increase would take that to $23,100 annually.

The treasurer and clerk currently make $30,000 annually and the 5-percent increase would raise that to $31,500. The township supervisor's salary is $38,000 and the increase will take that amount to $39,000 annually.

The motion for the salary increases was approved by a roll call vote of the trustees.

Firefighters to be honored

Hometown heroes in the city of Romulus will be honored during a special ceremony April 21.

A Firefighter Appreciation Ceremony is planned at the Romulus Athletic Center to recognize new additions to the fire department as well as the Firefighter of the Year and the Paramedic of the Year. The Life Saving Award and Chief's Medal will also be presented during the event, hosted by the Romulus Public Safety Foundation.

"This year's appreciation ceremony is unique in so many ways. This is the first year that the Romulus Public Safety Foundation will be hosting the event. Our newly appointed Deputy Chief Ken Chapman will carry on the tradition of the ceremony," said Kevin Krause, director of Community Safety & Development.

"The Romulus Fire Department Firefighter Appreciation Ceremony presents a great opportunity to acknowledge the men and women who serve this community as your first responders. Each of these dedicated individuals contribute to the core values and mission of the department. I am looking forward to recognizing their contributions at the Appreciation Ceremony," said Deputy Chief Ken Chapman.

Chapman, who was a paid-on-call firefighter in the city in 1987 under former Fire Chief William Greenslait, was recently named to his new rank in the department.

The appreciation ceremony is planned for 5 until 7 p.m. April 21 in the Cirrus Banquet Room at Romulus Athletic Center, located at 35765 Northline Road in Romulus. For more information about the ceremony, contact the Romulus Fire Department at (734) 941-8585.

Firefighters with the City of Romulus Fire Department are trained and certified by the State of Michigan and are on always on duty, prepared for emergencies involving fire, extrication, severe weather, rescues, hazardous material and other dangerous situations, a spokesman noted.

For more information about the Romulus Public Safety Foundation, visit RomPSF on Facebook or www.romuluspsf.square.site.

Charges

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felonies with a maximum penalty of five years in prison.

All three have been suspended from their employment with the county, with pay.

"We continue our commitment to hold employees accountable who misuse Wayne County taxpayer dollars. The employees charged today showed a blatant lack of integrity and respect for the residents that we serve," said Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans. "My office will continue to collaborate with Prosecutor Worthy and local and state officials to ensure that everyone involved in this egregious operation is prosecuted."

"We have been charging and holding defendants accountable for their unscrupulous criminal behavior for almost two decades. It amazes me that despite this, corruption continues because corrupters think they will never be held to account," said Worthy. "In this case, these three defendants allegedly knowingly accepted money from the county in the form of wages that they did not deserve. There is nothing right about this."

Defendants VanPeeren and Whorton were arraigned on March 28 in 34th District Court before Judge Brian Oakley and given a $1,000 personal bond. Everhart was arraigned before 34th District Court Magistrate Al Hindman and received a $10,000 personal bond.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 6, 2023
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Present: John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams,
Absent / Excused: Kathy Abdo
Eva Webb attended the meeting at 7:32 p.m.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Robert McCraight, Mayor
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull, Deputy Clerk
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Kevin Krause - Director of Community Safety & Development; Carol Maise - City Planner; Jeffrey Kemp - Director of Building & Planning; Jerome Frayer - DDA Director; Derran Shelby - Deputy Police Chief; Kenneth Chapman - Deputy Fire Chief; Maria Lambert - Director of Resident Services

1. **Agenda**
   - A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe**, to accept the Agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   Councilwoman Webb attended the meeting at 7:32 p.m.
2. **Minutes**
   - A. **Res. #23-050** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, February 27, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - B. **Res. #23-051** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Study Session held on Monday, February 27, 2023, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the amendments to The Fairways at Gateway PDA site plan. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
3. **Petitioner**
   - A. **Petitioner:** Rino Soave, Infinity Homes & Co.
   Petition: Approval of Preliminary PDA Site Plan & Preliminary Condominium Plans
   Council members asked follow-up questions to the Petitioner stemming from the February 27th Special Meeting presentation.
   A resident requested that the Council delay action on Infinity Homes' petition until the developer completes work on other subdivisions.
   Res. #23-052 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve PDA-2020-001; Fairways at Gateway amended Preliminary PDA Site Plan and First Amendment to the pDA Agreement subject to conditions identified in the consultant and department reports. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   Res. #23-053 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Eva Webb to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve SPR-2022-013; the Bluffs at Gateway Preliminary Condominium Plan. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   Res. #23-054 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams**, to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve SPR-2022-014; Oakmont at Gateway Preliminary Condominium Plan. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   - A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
5. **Mayor's Report - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor**
   - A. **Res. #23-055** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Virginia Williams**, to concur with the Administration and approve the sub-recipient agreement with Wayne County for HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the FYs 2022 to 2023 in the amount of $20,000.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - B. **Res. #23-056** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Eva Webb**, to concur with the Administration and approve the following appointment and reappointment to the Downtown Development Authority: Derrick Steve Harmon, with a term to expire on July 31, 2026, Randy Moffat with a term to expire February 5, 2027, Brian Bush with a term to expire March 11, 2027, and the appointment of Craig Greca with a term to expire August 26, 2023. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - C. **Res. #23-057** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration authorize no-fee permits for all Rumble in Romulus activities beginning Friday, July 28th at 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. followed by a brunch at a local Romulus restaurant on Sunday, July 30th as well as a road closure of Goddard Road between Shook Road and sterling Street beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 29th and ending at 10:00 p.m. that evening for the Second Annual Rumble in Romulus "Bike Night" event. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - D. **Res. #23-058** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and extend RFP 19/20-04 with CivicPlus LLC with the addition of CivicPlus FOIA Management Software (administered by Next Request LLC) for a two (2) year commitment the amount of $16,776.00 to be paid annually at $8,388.00 beginning in FY 2023/2024. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - E. **Res. #23-059** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe**, to concur with the Administration and introduce Budget Amendment 22/23-12 to recognize federal funding and allocate additional funds for costs associated with the acceptance of the 2023 SAFER grant and the hiring of six (6) additional firefighter positions in accordance with the "Period Performance" for the grant beginning March 20, 223.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
205 Public Safety Fund				
Revenue				
205-336-501.094	Federal Grant - SAFER	$-	$164,575.00	$164,575.00
Expense				
205-336-702.002	SAFER Salaries	$-	$102,900.00	$102,900.00
205-336-706.000	Comp Abs	$-	$4,950.00	$4,950.00
205-336-710.336	FLSA Overtime	$-	$8,010.00	$8,010.00
205-336-715.000	Social Security	$-	$7,200.00	$7,200.00
205-336-715.001	Medicare	$-	$1,700.00	$1,700.00
205-336-716.001	Defined Benefit	$-	$3,060.00	$3,060.00
205-336-717.100	Ret. Health Savings	$-	$945.00	$945.00
205-336-718.000	Health Insurance	$-	$27,250.00	$27,250.00
205-336-719.000	Dental Insurance	$-	$2,710.00	$2,710.00
205-336-720.000	Life Insurance	$-	$185.00	$185.00
205-336-721.000	LTD Insurance	$-	$445.00	$445.00
205-336-722.000	Workers Comp	$-	$5,150.00	$5,150.00
205-336-723.000	Empl. Assistance	$-	$70.00	$70.00

Motion Carried Unanimously

- F. **Res. #23-060** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams**, to concur with the Administration and introduce Budget Amendment 22/23-13 to recognize additional fees for engineering reimbursements.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General Fund				
Revenue				
101-371-823.000	Engineering Fees - Reimbursable	$150,000.00	$150,000.00	$300,000.00
Expense				
101-371-682.823	Reimburse – Engineer Fees	$150,000.00	$150,000.00	$300,000.00

Motion Carried Unanimously

- G. **Res. #23-061** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to concur with the Administration and authorize the sole source purchase and installation of 26 Falcon Camera Systems from Flock Group Inc. for the City of Romulus Police Department at a total cost of $146,100.00 under the terms of Sole Source Purchases Exception in Section 39-11(d)(1)c.1 of the City of Romulus Purchasing Ordinance. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk** - See Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes
7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer** - See Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes
8. **Public Comment**
   A resident addressed the Council to announce the Family Fun event on March 12th, sponsored by St. John's Lodge and hosted by the Romulus Lanes.
   DDA Director Jerry Frayer informed the residents that the city's chipper service had been extended to March 14th and to contact the DPW to be placed on the chipper list.
9. **Unfinished Business** - None
10. **New Business** - None
11. **Communication** - See Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes
    Res. #23-062 Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a resolution disapproving of the injection well from Republic Waste Services and urging support from county and state officials to terminate its operations. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
    Res. #23-063 Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a resolution petitioning EGLE to re-open the public comment period on the renewal of Republic Waste Service permits. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
12. **Adjournment**
    Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams**, to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan, certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on March 6, 2023.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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PLYMOUTH

Township continues opposition to proposed sewer plant

The plan for a new sewer plant at M-14 and Napier Road stinks, according to Plymouth Township trustees.

The plan for construction of a new wastewater treatment plant has been proposed by Salem Township officials on property very close to the Plymouth Township border.

Salem Township applied for a permit for the wastewater plant with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). Salem has requested authorization to discharge 840,000 gallons of treated municipal wastewater into Fellows Creek on a daily basis. A new 558 home development planned by Schostak Brothers developers requires water and sewer connections to the 1,400 acres of property along M-14 where the homes are proposed.

According to reported figures, Salem Township has received three state grants totaling $35 million to bring water and sewer lines to the site of the proposed Salem Springs development. Schostak Brothers chairman Bobby Schostak is former chair of the state GOP.

> *Salem has requested authorization to discharge 840,000 gallons of treated municipal wastewater into Fellows Creek.*

Plymouth Township officials, however, have repeatedly opposed the development, approving resolutions in opposition in 2017 and again in 2020.

In a first effort to bring water and sewer services to the site, Salem Township officials requested permission to connect to wastewater services in neighboring communities, including Plymouth Township. The municipality also requested services from the Western Townships Utility Authority. Plymouth trustees denied that request and the utility authority management said the facility does not have capacity to serve the proposed wastewater discharge. Salem officials did subsequently strike an agreement with the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority (YCUA).

That agreement foundered, however, when officials from Superior Township denied permission to construct a sanitary sewer in a public-right-of-way in that community.

That issue is now before the Michigan State Court of Appeals.

Students bringing Mamma Mia to newly-renovated auditorium

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools student actors and crew members will present the hit musical "Mamma Mia" beginning this weekend.

The Friday and Saturday performances of the Abba-based music are set for 7 p.m. on April 7-8 and April 14-15 at the recently renovated Gloria Logan Auditorium for Performing Arts at Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road in Canton. Tickets are $12 in advance and $15 at the door, and can be purchased online at pptc.booktix.com.

"Our students are involved in every aspect of the production of 'Mamma Mia' and they are so excited to entertain our community," said Paul Bird, auditorium manager and technical director at Salem High School. "Putting together this wonderful musical, our students showed creativity, talent, teamwork and perseverance to make sure their performance of 'Mamma Mia' is as entertaining and professional as can be."

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools students rehearse for the musical "Mamma Mia," which opens tomorrow night in the newly-renovated auditorium at Salem High School.

"Mamma Mia" features a cast of 38 students in The Park Players Theater Co., a production crew of 23 along with nine musicians. The student-led theater group is performing for only the second time in Logan Auditorium after renovations were recently completed.

Part of the 2020 bond, the $4.7 million renovation to the auditorium included new lighting and paneling that improves visibility, sound and acoustics. All-new seats designed for comfort were installed, including 660 on the main floor, 260 in the balcony and 10 wheelchair accessible seats on the main floor. The auditorium now has a dedicated dressing room as well as new space backstage for props and construction.

"There is something really special about a live theatrical production and, when you add in a newly renovated facility playing host, it's just magical," said Dr. Monica Merritt, superintendent of Plymouth Canton Community Schools. "We're thrilled to see our student cast and crew work so hard on this wonderful run of shows."

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 27, 2023
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused:
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Robert McCraight, Mayor
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull, Deputy Clerk
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Kevin Krause - Director of Community Safety and Development; Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director

1. **Agenda**
   - A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo**, to accept the Agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
2. **Minutes**
   - A. **Res. #23-041** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, February 13, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - B. **Res. #23-042** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Study Session held on Monday, February 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the design details for the proposed Veteran's Memorial Park and alternative details to restore the former Veteran's Memorial Monument on the City Municipal Complex. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
3. **Petitioner** - None
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem** - See Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes
   - A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
5. **Mayor's Report - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor -**
   Mayor McCraight addressed the news reports regarding the toxic chemical waste from the East Palestine crash site being dumped into an injection well in the city.
   A resident commented on the injection well in the city and the safety data sheets required for accepting hazardous materials.
   A resident commented on the transportation of hazardous materials in the city.
   A resident inquired about violations of the special land use variance for the injection well site.
   State Senator Darrin Camilleri thanked the Council, Mayor, and his administration for their leader ship in fighting against the injection well for many years and spelled out a plan of action and accountability.
   - A. **Res. #23-043** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe**, to concur with the Administration and authorize the DPW to dispose of the listed vehicle to be auctioned on govdeals.com with the buyer to pay 12.50% fee to govdeals per vehicle with all proceeds going to the appropriate City fund. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - B. **Res. #23-044** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the contract between the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the City of Romulus to resurface Huron River Drive between Pennsylvania Road and Eureka Road with a local match in the amount of 20% ($221682.00). **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - C. **Res. #23-045** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams**, to concur with the Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the grant contract between Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and the City of Romulus, which will provide funding to support the costs of performing repairs to sidewalk infrastructure within the City. These repairs will include sidewalk systems in the Romulus Urban Renewal neighborhood, between Van Born and Wick Roads, and between Van Born and Beverly Roads, as well as bringing existing pathways from Wick Road to Smith Road, establishing compliance with the Americans with Disability Act. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   - A. **Res. #23-046** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve a one-hour and fifteen-minute study session request for Monday, April 3, 2023, and Monday, April 10, 2023, beginning at 6:00 p.m., to discuss the proposed 2023-24 City Budgets. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
     Res. #23-047 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to schedule a public hearing to be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.in accordance with Chapter 9, Section 9.3 of the Romulus City Charter. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - B. **Res. #23-048** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve the Study Session Request for Monday, March 6, 2023, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the Quarterly Investment Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer**
8. **Public Comment** - None
9. **Unfinished Business** - None
10. **New Business** - None
11. **Warrant**
    - A. **Res. #23-049** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve Warrant #: 23-04 for checks presented in the amount of $1,439,330.26.
      Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb Nays - Williams
      Motion Carried
12. **Communication** - See Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes
13. **Adjournment**
    Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on February 27, 2023.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Canton

Village Arts Factory offering special sensory program

Art is an intersection of many human needs and The Village Arts Factory in Canton Township is now welcoming visitors at every level of sensory response.

The facility is now certified by KultureCity®, a leading nonprofit organization committed to creating more inclusive experiences for those with sensory needs. The new initiative will provide an accommodating environment for all participants, enabling guests with sensory issues to have a positive experience when taking part in a Village Arts Factory program or event, officials explained.

"The Village Arts Factory is committed to ensuring that all of our programs and events are inclusive and welcoming to all individuals who are interested in participating," said Kevin Ryan, community program director. "By providing all of these sensory inclusive resources to our guests, we hope that more individuals will take part in our events and activities and not avoid them due to loud noises and possibly over-stimulating environments."

Sensory sensitivities or challenges with sensory regulation are often experienced by individuals with autism, dementia, PTSD, and other similar conditions. One of the major barriers for these individuals is sensitivity to overstimulation and noise, which is an enormous part of the environment in a high-traffic area. With this new certification, the Village Arts Factory is now better prepared to assist guests with sensory sensitivities in having the most comfortable and accommodating experience possible, officials said.

> *The Village Arts Factory is committed to ensuring that all of our programs and events are inclusive.*

The certification process ensures that Village Arts Factory staff members are trained annually by leading medical professionals on how to recognize guests with sensory needs and how to handle a sensory overload situation.

KultureCity® Sensory Bags, equipped with noise-canceling headphones provided by Puro Sound Labs, fidget tools, verbal cue cards, and KCVIP lanyards, will be available to all guests at the Village Arts Factory who may feel overwhelmed by a new environment. In addition, facility signs will indicate noisier spaces as "Headphone Zones." Staff members will also be able to direct guests to quieter or less stimulating areas in facilities or at events, Ryan said. Prior to attending an event, families can download the free KultureCity® App where one can view what sensory features are available and where they can be accessed. The App also includes the Social Story, which will provide a preview of what to expect while enjoying a Village Arts Factory event.

"Our communities shape our lives and to know that the Village Arts Factory is willing to go the extra mile to ensure that everyone, no matter their ability, is included in community experiences is amazing," said Uma Srivastava, KultureCity® executive director. "We're honored to partner with the Village Arts Factory to provide a truly inclusive experience for all guests!"

KultureCity® is a leading non-profit recognized nationwide for using resources to revolutionize and effect change in the community for those with sensory needs, not just those with autism. Since the program began, KultureCity® has created more than 1,000 Sensory InclusiveTM public and private services, organizations, events, and venues in six countries: this includes special events such as the NFL Pro-Bowl, NFL Super Bowl, MLB World Series, and MLB All-Star Weekend, according to a prepared release.

The Village Arts Factory is a multipurpose arts complex located at 50755 Cherry Hill Road. The facility serves as a nexus for the arts, culture, music, and community engagement. The historic studio complex is dedicated to providing equitable, innovative, and inclusive arts programming and experiences for all to enjoy.

For additional information, visit villagearts factory.com or call (734) 765-7061.

'Weighting' in

Rock band to appear in Canton theater

Americana and Roots Rock will be the spirit of the special appearance of The Weight Band in Canton April 15.

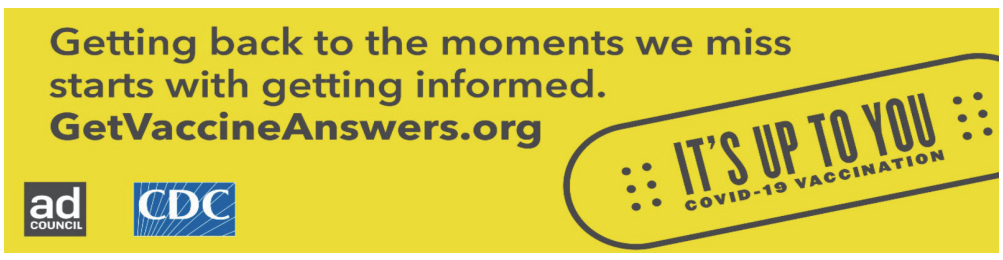
Performing original songs as well as classics, The Weight Band is led by Jim Weider, a 15-year former member of The Band and the Levon Helm Band. The Weight Band originated in 2013 inside the famed Woodstock barn of Levon Helm. Weider was inspired by Helm to carry on the musical legacy of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame group.

The veteran quintet, which includes band leader Weider, keyboardist Brian Mitchell (Levon Helm's Midnight Ramble Band), bassist Albert Rogers (Jim Weider Band, Jimmy Vivino), drummer Michael Bram (Jason Mraz) and keyboardist Matt Zeiner (Dickey Betts), shares a deep appreciation and knowledge for this music, which Weider describes as the "Woodstock Sound." The Weight Band continues to serve as its torchbearer, with their new album, Shines Like Gold.

"Audience members are truly in for a memorable experience when The Weight Band comes to Canton," said Ben Frick, performing arts coordinator. "The Weight Band carries on where The Band left off performing fan favorites including: "Up on Cripple Creek," "The Weight" and "The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down," as well as newer originals. The level of musicianship is unmatched. It's classic Americana music at its finest, combining blues, classic rock, and country."

Tickets are $32 per person or, for a limited time, purchasers can receive two tickets to the show and a 2-for-1 bar voucher for $50 with promo code: DATE. Purchase tickets in advance online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org, by calling (734) 394-5300, or at the door - if still available. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. For more information call (734)394-5300 or visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

The Weight Band Photo by Michael Bram



CITY OF ROMULUS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
May 1, 2023, at 6:30 PM

The Romulus City Council will hold a public hearing at the Romulus City Hall in the Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, for the proposed 2023/24 FY Budget for the City of Romulus as set forth in Section 9.3 of the Romulus City Charter.

The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments or ask questions. Information will be available for viewing at City Hall between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. Written comments will be received by the Romulus City Clerk at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, no later than 12:00 PM on the day of the above meeting.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus

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2017 KIA
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ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12TH, 2023 AT 9:00 AM, GREAT LAKES TOWING IMPOUND AND RECOVERY DIVISION LOCATED AT 42350 VAN BORN RD, BELLEVILLE, MI, COUNTY OF WAYNE, WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC AUCTION OF IMPOUNDED AND ABANDONED VEHICLES. T HE FOLLOWING VEHICLES WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER.

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2005 VOLKSWAGEN 4D
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THE ABOVE VEHICLES ARE IMPOUNDED THROUGH THE CITY OF DEARBORN POLICE DEPARTMENT. ALL PAPERWORK MUST BE PICKED UP FROM THE CITY OF DEARBORN POLICE DEPARTMENT WITHIN 48 HOURS OF THE SALE.

2019 MAZDA SW
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2014 FORD 4D
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THE ABOVE VEHICLES ARE IMPOUNDED THROUGH THE CITY OF WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT. ALL PAPERWORK MUST BE PICKED UP FROM THE CITY OF WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT WITHIN 48 HOURS OF THE SALE.
ALL VEHICLES ARE SOLD IN "AS IS CONDITION". BIDDING ON ALL VEHICLES WILL START AT THE AMOUNT DUE FOR TOWING AND STORAGE. VEHICLES MAY BE DELETED FROM THIS LIST AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO THE START OF THE AUCTION. THIS IS A CASH ONLY SALE AND ALL VEHICLES MUST BE PAID IN FULL AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE AUCTION.

J&M TOWING
8964 INKSTER RD
ROMULUS MI 48174
THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES HAVE BEEN DEEMED ABANDON AND WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON 04/19/2023 AT 12:00 P.M.

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2015 NISSAN
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NORTHVILLE - WAYNE

Winners

Team takes title in battle of books

They take no prisoners in the ongoing battle at the Northville Public Library.

The Battle of the Books, an annual event at the library, saw an increase in the total number of students and teams participating but with the same intensity as past years, noted Librarian Katie Rothley. Unsurprisingly, she said, the competition was "exciting, loud, fast, and full of puns" as Northville District Library Teen Librarian Natalie Molnar once again led the event as master of ceremonies.

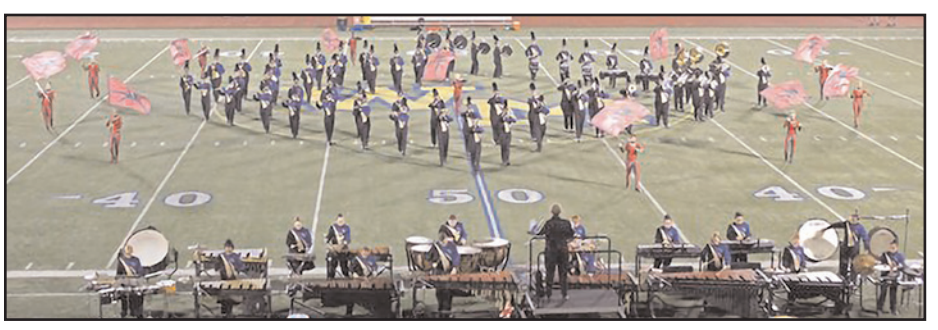
"Battle was a blast! It was great to see numbers up from the last two years, and we're all excited to see it only get better and better in years to come," she said.

Tweens and teens from Northville were busy from December 2022 to earlier this month, reading seven books specially selected by librarians. This task prepared them to answer a variety of trivia-style questions regarding the characters, locations, stories, and themes in the books with correct answers earning points for the teams. The big event took place March 8 at Northville High School. While 22 teams competed, first place went to The Bibliophiles; second place honors went to The Librarians and the Lucky Librarians team was in third place.

The library has been hosting Battle of the Books for almost two decades. The event is a "fun and competitive challenge incentivizing reading for Northville students in 6th through 8th grades," Rothley said. Teams typically comprise at least two members and up to a maximum of six members. An adult is required to act as the contact between the team and librarians for the duration of the event. Student teams compete against each other to determine who knows the most when it comes to the selection of seven books that vary each year. Team members then determine how they want to prepare and strategize for the event by reading all seven books which were provided by the library.

For more information, isit : northvillelibrary.org or telephone the library at (248) 349-3020. To learn more about the Friends of the Northville District Library, become a member, or about donating to the Library, please visit: https://bit.ly/FriendsofNDL or email:: northvillelibraryfriends@gmail.com.

The winning team of the Northville Public Library Battle of the Books 2023, the Bibliophiles. Photo by Tony Lowe



March on

The Wayne Memorial High School Band will perform the National Anthem at Comerica Park next week just before the Tigers take on the San Francisco Giants.Tickets for the Friday, April 14 game are now available at a discounted rate and a portion of the cost of each ticket will be donated to the high school band program. The performance is scheduled to between 6 and 6:30 p.m., organizers said. The band will be under the direction of David Mety and tickets can be purchased athttps://offer.fevo.com/detroit-tigers-vs-giants-eicauh9.

Gunman killed by police

An armed man shot by a Wayne police officer on the Ford Wayne Stamping Plant property last Saturday night has died, according to a police report.

Six officers from the Wayne Police Department responded to a 7 p.m. 911 call April 1 reporting a man outside the Van Born Road employee entrance to the plant. Officers located the man and ordered him to show his hands. In response, according to the report, the man brandished a handgun. The man pointed the weapon at the officers despite their continued verbal orders to drop the gun, the report stated. One officer fired his weapon one time, striking the man who was immediately transported to a local hospital by City of Wayne fire rescue services. He has been identified as Zachary Scott Polk, 53, formerly of Michigan but residing in Ohio. Police reported Polk's death in a statement issued Monday.

Polk was not authorized to be on Ford Motor Co. property, according to the report. A preliminary investigation indicates that Polk was suffering a mental health emergency, police said.

According to the press release, officers from the Wayne County Sheriff's Office were also on the scene. The incident is under investigation by Michigan State Police which is protocol for any police officer involved shooting..

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 13, 2023
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused: Eva Webb
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Robert McCraight, Mayor
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull, Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock, City Attorney; Carol Maise, City Planner; Kathy Hood, Assistant DPW Director

1. **Agenda**
   - A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded **by Kathy Abdo**, to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
2. **Minutes**
   - A. **Res. #23-031** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, February 6, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Williams Abstain - Wadsworth **Motion Carried**
   - B. **Res. #23-032** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Study Session held on Monday, February 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the proposed zoning amendments for the Southern Gateway Overlay District and Airport District. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Williams Abstain - Wadsworth **Motion Carried**
3. **Petitioner** - None
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   - A. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
5. **Mayor's Report - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor**
   - A. **Res. #23-033** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with the Administration and consent to piggyback on the MiDeal Contract 071B7700091 for the biannual monthly rental of one (1) Elgin Broom Bear street sweeper at a cost of $12,090.00 ($11,790.00 plus $300.00 delivery fee) per rental from MacQueen Equipment LLC dba Bell Equipment through January 12, 2026. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - B. **Res. #23-034** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adopt a resolution determining the location of the restoration project for the Romulus Veteran's Memorial Monument to be in the City Municipal Complex. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   - A. **Res. #23-035** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams**, to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of the text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, TA-2022-002, to add to Articles 7, Business District, Section 7.06 and 8, Industrial Districts, Section 8.04(b)(9) Southern Gateway Overlay District. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - B. **Res. #23-036** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams**, to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of the text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, TA-2022-003, to amend Article 9, Airport District, Table 9.02, Schedule of Uses to include drive-through restaurants as special land uses. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - C. **Res. #23-037** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth**, to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 22/23-11 in the amount of $356,000.00 for the completion of the Brandt Road project. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - D. **Res. #23-038** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe**, to approve the Study Session Request for Monday, February 27, 2023, at 6:45 p.m. to discuss amendments to The Fairways at Gateway PDA (Planned Development Area) site plan. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer** - See Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes
8. **Public Comment**
   A resident inquired the City Council regarding emergency dispatches' tracking of landlines.
9. **Unfinished Business** - None
10. **New Business** - None
11. **Warrant**
    - A. **Res. #23-039** Moved **by Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley**, to approve Warrant #: 23-03 for checks presented in the amount of $2,301,030.33 Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth Nays - Williams **Motion Carried**
12. **Communication** - See Clerk's Office for a complete copy of the Minutes
    Res. #23-040 Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by Kathy Abdo to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Tracie Bland. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
13. **Adjournment**
    Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams**, to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan, certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on February 13, 2023.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CITY OF ROMULUS
ORDINANCE NO. 2023-003

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 26, ARTICLE I, SECTION 26-3, PERMANENT STRUCTURE AND MOBILE FOOD SERVICE, OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS CODE OF ORDINANCES
THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

Section 1. Chapter 26 Article I Section 26-3 Permanent Structure and Mobile Food Service is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 26-3. Permanent structure and mobile food service

ADOPTED, APPROVED, AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus this 27th day of March 2023.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers on the 27th day of March, 2023.

I further certify that the foregoing was published in the Associated Newspapers, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Romulus, on the 6th day of April, 2023.

ELLEN L. CRAIG-BRAGG, CMC,
Romulus City Clerk

COMPLETE COPY OF ORDINANCE ON FILE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, 11111 WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MI.

Within forty-five (45) days after publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

Introduced: 03-13-2023
Adopted: 03-27-2023
Published Effective: 04-06-2023

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CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
ITB 22/23-23 Contract for Annual NFPA Compliant Fire Fighter Physicals

The City of Romulus is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the purpose of entering into a twelve month contract for on site, annual, NFPA 1582 Compliant, Firefighter Physicals and for the purpose of designating an official department physician who shall be responsible for the physicals and for guiding, directing and advising members and the department with regard to the health, fitness and suitability for duty of the firefighters as required by NFPA 1500, Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Program.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Official bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (http://www.mitn.info/). Bids may be rejected unless mad
(2) Questions must be emailed to Purchasing@romulusgov.com and received no later than 12:00 PM Local Time, 4/14/2023.
(3) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the bid documents.
(4) A total of two copies (one marked "Original" and one marked "Copy") of the bid must be submitted together in one sealed package/envelope and returned to the ***City Clerk's Office*** no later than 2:00 P.M., **Thursday, April 27, 2023**. Bids should be addressed using the bid package label provided in the solicitation documents or submitted electronically on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct.
(5) At approximately 3:00 p.m., local time **April 27, 2023**, all timely received bids will be publically opened and read.
(6) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received and to award the bid in whole or in part. Ultimately, a contract may be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.
(7) The successful Bidder will be required to submit proof of all bonds and insurance required by the solicitation documents and copies of all required endorsements.
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Vehicle shooting result of road rage incident

A 34-year-old Dearborn Heights woman is facing multiple felony charges in connection to a road rage confrontation which resulted in the shooting of a 58-year-old Inkster woman's car.

According to charges filed by Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy's office, the incident occurred at approximately 7:47 a.m. March 17. Both the victim and the defendant were driving northbound on Beech Daly near Davison Avenue in Redford, according to officials. When the victim did not allow the defendant, Keshia Hamilton, to pass her and drive ahead of her vehicle, Hamilton allegedly began shouting at the victim. It is alleged that Hamilton then produced and fired a handgun at the victim's vehicle.

According to police reports, Hamilton's daughter was in her vehicle at the time of the shooting. She was off duty at the time of the incident, police said, but works as an EMT with the Detroit Fire Department.

The victim was not injured in the shooting, officials said.

Prosecutors also allege that Hamilton followed the victim eastbound on Aubrey Street and exited her vehicle to confront her. The defendant then returned to her vehicle and fled the scene, according to court documents. The victim reported the incident to the Redford Township Police.

Hamilton has been charged with one count of assault with intent to murder, one count of assault with intent to do great bodily harm, one count of discharge of a firearm from a motor vehicle, one count of felonious assault, four counts of felony firearm, one count of fourth-degree child abuse, and one count of commission of a felony with a motor vehicle.

Hamilton was arraigned on March 29 in 17th District Court and given a $50,000 cash/surety bond.

Lesson plan

Team members from John Glenn High School took the Westland Police players to school during a recent charity basketball game. The police team, aka the Non-Dunkin Donuts, were holding their own during the first half and then the school players demonstrated their 'rocket' speed and won by a comfortable margin. Proceeds from the game will be used to fund scholarships for John Glenn students through the Westland Police Community Partnership. Coach/Ofc. Margie Kelly and Ofc. Ryan Damico organized the game. The event included a 50-50 drawing and a crowd interactive three-point contest to win a prize basket including gift cards from 2Booli 2Go Westland and Buffalo Wild Wings Westland.

Hearing

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state police investigators. He suggested a restraining order against releasing documents already a matter of public record was without basis or merit.

Scott Ruark, representing the city of Wayne, disputed that argument and claimed the city had revoked privilege on only the 105-page report and not the 33-page supplemental report. Ruark also requested an order from the judge to compel both former Wayne Mayor Susan Rowe and former Councilman Ryan Gabriel to undergo formal depositions regarding the release of the reports to the public.

Rasor argued that both reports were already available to the public as exhibits in an ongoing federal lawsuit seeking damages from the city and that the inclusion of the reports had been approved by the federal judge in that case, making them a matter of public record. In addition, he told the judge, the entire matter was outside the statute of limitations as the city did not file the suit until 2022.

"There is no way to restrain my client from releasing material that was already in the public domain," Rasor told the judge, citing a video tape of a city council meeting of Sept. 4, 2018 when the members of the council voted to publish both reports on the city website, thereby waiving privacy privilege. Ruark claimed the city only waived privilege on the initial report and that Miller gave state investigators the 33-page subsequent report which he argued remained privileged, a claim Rasor disputed.

Rasor played a 5-minute videotape of the meeting during which Rowe clearly states that "everything we received" would be made public in response to a question from an audience member regarding both reports. "Everything we got, you will get. You paid for it, you'll get it," the former mayor stated emphatically. On the tape, one council member explicitly asks that the motion, approved with one no vote, include both the initial and subsequent reports.

"The city of Wayne is extremely litigious," Rasor told the judge. "This case wasn't filed until June 17 of 2019 and never had merit and the city knew it."

After extensive arguments and discussion, the judge agreed there was no merit in continuing the restraining order against Miller who left the council in June of 2021 after serving for six years. She added that should Miller release any other confidential information in his possession he would be cited for contempt of court, but that she couldn't restrain him from releasing information already in the public domain.

The judge approved Ruark's request to compel both Gabriel and Rowe, also represented by Rasor, to submit to ZOOM depositions within 28 days.

Gibson repeatedly reminded both attorneys who continued to refer to other aspects and evidence in the case, "We will get to that during trial. I can only rule on what is before me now."

Ryan Edward Smith

2 injured in crash

A Detroit man is facing several criminal charges following a non-fatal car crash that injured a pregnant 27-year-old Inkster woman and a 25-year-old Highland Park man.

According to prosecutors, Ryan Edward Smith, 34, was stopped by Westland police officers at about 9:30 p.m. March 25 in the area of Inkster Road and Warren Road. When the officers left the patrol car to approach Smith's vehicle, it is alleged by prosecutors that he fled from the scene at a high rate of speed southbound on Inkster Road. During his high-speed flight from officers, Smith allegedly disregarded a traffic light and traveled through the intersection of Road and Inkster roads where he crashed into the victims' vehicle, injuring them both.

All three were transported by EMTs to a local hospital for treatment of their injuries, according to police.

Smith has been charged with one count of second-degree fleeing; one count of third-degree fleeing; one count of driving while license suspended, revoked, or denied causing serious injury; one count of reckless driving causing serious impairment of a bodily function and one count of moving violation causing serious impairment of a bodily function.

The defendant was arraigned in 18th District Court and given a $750,000 cash/surety bond. If released, he will be required to wear a GPS tether.